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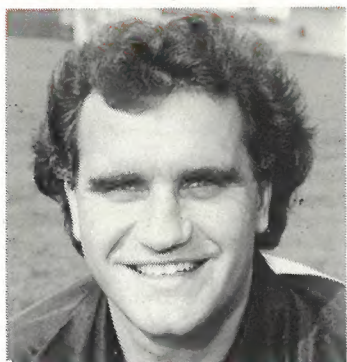
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LLOYD

HELLO again and welcome back to the Third Division which, whilst being less romantic than our foray into the Milk Cup, is still our number one priority. Having said that, it was a great night on Tuesday and the 12,000 people who turned up in the pouring rain (why does it always rain?) were a credit to the game. Well done, every one of you.

Today, we are without the services of Colin Methven, due to his sending off at Chesterfield. I am growing more and more concerned about this new rule on professional fouls because there now appears to be a good deal of inconsistency in refereeing. Those of you who saw the televised match on Wednesday night will

have seen the West Ham attacker Clarke run clear of the Stoke defence and, with a clear run to goal, he was brought down by a rugby tackle by Dave Watson. What happened? Watson was not sent off, but merely cautioned. When Colin Methven obstructed the Chesterfield player both Alex Cribbley and myself were covering the situation and there was no question of the lad having a clear run to goal. What, I would like to know, is going on? I have said before that we must abide by the rules, but when some referees interpret them one way and others another, how can players be expected to know what constitutes a sending-off offence?

Still, on a happier note, I am pleased to record that the town of Wigan is certainly making a name for itself these days. Our own performances are joined by the great work being done by that quiet man, Alex Murphy over at Central Park and, perhaps best of all, by swimming star June Croft. She is certainly a great athlete and I will be delighted, when she returns from Australia, to invite her to Springfield Park as my V.I.P. guest and to present her to you on the pitch. I am sure you would all be as pleased as I will be to welcome her.

I hope you all have a good afternoon and thank you, once again for your great support last Tuesday.

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THIRD DIVISION

Round Up

by Harold Ashurst

The cash crisis hitting football at present is not being felt more deeply than at Wrexham. They have debts of over £420,000 and last week they took the step of putting their entire team on the transfer list. Among those up for sale is Wales defender Joey Jones, the former Liverpool full back who can leave the club for £50,000.

Another one on offer is much travelled Dixie McNeill, who has been known to hit the net regularly in a career which has taken in Leicester, Exeter, Northampton, Lincoln, and Hereford.

Preston boss Gordon Lee was singing the praises of two players after his side's 3-2 win at Reading at the weekend — and one of them played for the opposition. The League's leading scorer Kerry Dixon scored two for Reading, but Steve Elliot bagged a couple to put Preston back on terms. After the game Lee compared the two youngsters to other top class strikers he has handled — including Malcolm McDonald and Bob Latchford.

Soccers sendings off so far this season are up by a staggering 175 per cent. Prior to this week's Milk Cup games 55 players had

been dismissed throughout the League with 16 coming from the Third Division. On the face of it, it all looks pretty grim, but if Colin Methven's ridiculous sending off at Cardiff was anything to go by, then it's the rules that are at fault and not the players.

There must be one or two worried folk down at Sheffield United. All their pre-season spending has so far accounted for nothing, save a couple of humiliating defeats, the latest being a 2-0 reverse at home to Gillingham last weekend when United saw an unbeaten home record stretching back more than 12 months vanish in smoke.

The afore-mentioned Kerry Dixon of Reading leads the Third Division goalscorers list with a healthy 15, ten of them coming in the League and five in the Milk Cup. He is four in front of Elliot of Preston who has 11 and the list is made up by Campbell (Bradford) 10, Randall (Bristol Rovers) 9, Mahoney (Bradford) 9, Tynan (Newport), Biley (Portsmouth), Joseph and Roberts (Brentford), all who have seven. Peter Houghton is one of a whole host of players on six.

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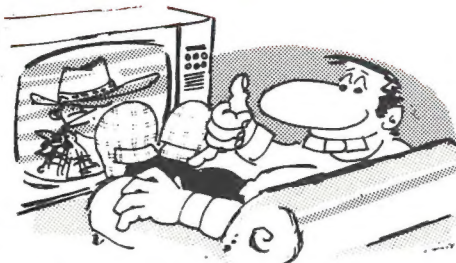
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Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

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Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Saturday, 30th October, 1982.

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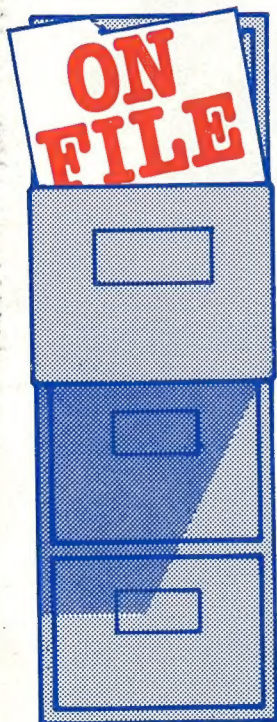
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NOW all of you who have met me know that I am a nice, cheerful kind of a chap, who never gets annoyed or rages or anything like that. But, since the start of the season, I have become increasingly angry at the press attitude of our game and, with your indulgence, I will tell you why. Every newspaper I read these days is telling me that there is something wrong with football because the crowds are not as big as they were ten years ago. For example, two weeks ago, every paper declared that crowds were 60,000 less on the same week last year. What they did not report was that they were also 50,000 up on the week before. Why? Because that was not "news". And when Doncaster beat Reading 7-5, the big story was that the gate did not exceed 2,600 — when Wigan beat Doncaster four days later, nobody made a big story out of the fact that the gate was almost 2,000 up! I bring to your attention the following facts:

Fact one: A recent concert involving the pop group Blondie promoted in Scotland was expected to attract a gross take of £52,000 — it attracted a mere £4,000.

Fact two: A major cinema in Manchester, which has two performances a day and two films showing at once had a total take for seven days of £700.

Fact three: The three Shirley Bassey concerts in Manchester later in the year, which were expected to make a great deal of money, look like making a massive loss.

Fact four: 12,194 people, drawn from an area where one person in every five has no job, turned up in the pouring rain to

watch Wigan Athletic play Manchester City in a game of football.

What is interesting about the above four facts is that they all point to one indisputable fact — we are now living in perhaps the greatest recession that this country has ever known. But why, oh why, have we not seen the first three facts in the newspapers, whilst the fourth fact causes the press to tell us that "there is something wrong with the game of football?" No newspaper has blamed Debbie Harrie (the female star of Blondie) for her group's hard times, or the film industry for their lack of audiences, nor do they say that Shirley Bassey has suddenly become a bad singer because her concerts no longer sell out. But they do tell us that people aren't going to watch football because goalies waste time or professional fouls prevent goals.

I therefore make a plea to the lads in the press box — stop filling your spaces with talk of falling gates and poor attendances — such news belongs on the financial pages. Come on lads, we all know that times are hard — we watch and read about football partly to forget that three and a half million are unemployed and we are all hard up.

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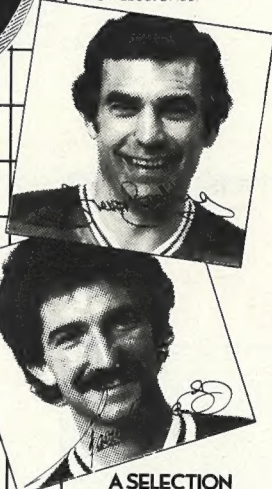
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ON MONDAY morning of this week as I drove to Wigan to commence my duties as Commercial Manager at Wigan A.F.C. my thoughts were on the task that lay ahead, thinking over various fund raising ideas and how I would spend my first day in my new post.

After half an hour behind my desk I soon realised that everybody around me was intent on only one thing, preparing for the Cup tie against Manchester City the next day.

I very quickly found myself caught up in the atmosphere and made myself available as a member of the hard working back-room team.

By the time the evening of the match arrived and I found myself directing traffic on the car park in the teeming rain, one could have been excused for thinking that I was the club's new car park attendant rather than their newly appointed Commercial Manager.

As I drove home from the club on the Tuesday evening, having watched the teams magnificent performance on the field, my thoughts went back over the events of my first two days at the club and I realised that although I had arrived at a Third Division Club it certainly has the potential and determination to rise to the higher divisions.

When eventually I did arrive behind my desk on Wednesday morning I quickly browsed the Commercial Columns of the September programmes.

The one that took my eye appeared in the Bournemouth programme were our Secretary Colin Burke explains in detail the importance of running a successful lottery.

After looking at our lottery sale figures I soon realised that one of my first jobs is to very quickly increase these sales.

To accomplish this we must increase our number of lottery agents. A good incentive exists and they also have the satisfaction of knowing that they are a very vital cog in the wheel in Wigan's future progress.

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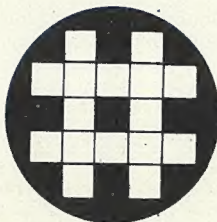
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PUZZLE PAGE



ON THE BALL No. 7

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.
One of the Greenhoffs; World Cup finals team in 1982; Kempes, could be; Leaves out of the side.

CLUB CLUE No. 7

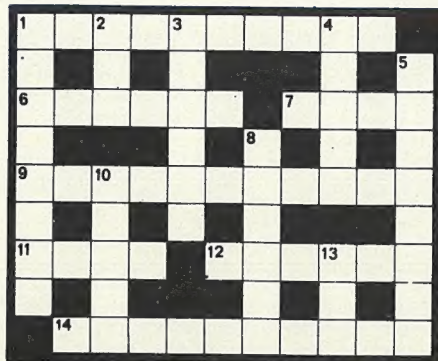
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MIXED DOUBLES No. 7

Re-order the letters in each of the words **ELBOWS** and **OMENS** to find the names of two men called Paul.

QUICK QUIZ No. 7

1. What is the name of West Germany's national stadium?
2. How many clubs appear in Round Three of the FA Cup?
3. Which club lost a Division One home match by a record 1-9 yet went on to become champions?
4. He finished on the losing side only once in his 51 appearances for Brazil — who was he?
5. Brian Clough's 197 League goals for Middlesbrough fell short of the club record — by how many?



SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 7 (compiled by David Peck)

ACROSS

1. Despite his name, this forward was an **England** Youth international; his major club outings have been with Brentford, Doncaster and Aldershot (4,6)
6. Soccer club (though it sounds otherwise) that supplied Villa to Spurs (6)
7. One of the men who completed 100 international appearances during the World Cup finals (4)
9. Midfielder who moved from Villa to Wednesday towards the end of last season (4,7)
11. --- Gerets (Belgium) (4)
12. The book they banned in France: **How to Handle A Penalty Shoot-Out** by --- Muffitt (6)
14. Went in to oppose a player on the ball (10)

DOWN

1. It sounds like an end-of-term report in favour of the keeper WBA pitched in last season (4,4)
2. Ever-present --- Podd was Bradford City's Player of the Year (3)
3. Put the ball in the net so it counts (6)
4. "What a load of rubbish!" is a typical one (5)
5. The bulk of defender Neil ---'s career was at Northampton and Southend (in 1979 he came back from non-League soccer to aid Bournemouth) (8)
8. League referees **must** do it at a certain age (6)
10. This Scottish club scored only 13 League goals at home last season (5)
13. Bryan Robson has more than once suffered a broken one (3)

Answers on page 12.



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THE LOCAL VIEW



BY GEOFF KEMP

UNFORTUNATELY it seems to be injuries, both current and those in prospect, which continues to dominate any conversation about local soccer.

Last week I wrote of the plight of Standish Lower Ground Labour Club, whose forces were more decimated than depleted by the loss of no fewer than eight players through injury of one sort or another. Happily, I have since learned that other clubs from the Wigan Amateur League and the League executive have been generous enough to collect £150 to help the Standish club's walking (and hobbling) wounded. And not only that — despite their injury problems the team went out last Saturday and beat Whitley Wanderers 6-1!

But mention of Whitley Wanderers brings us to a less happy side of the current situation — the controversy over the state of some of Wigan Metro's pitches on reclaimed land at Scot Lane.

Two weeks ago it was Whitley Wanderers who were involved in a match against Abram FC which had to be abandoned after half an hour because the ground was adjudged to be too dangerous by referee Moore. His action was prompted by a terrible injury to Abram's Stewart Sutch, who had 19 stitches put in a leg wound at Wigan Infirmary — an injury caused by a protruding brick.

Wigan Council have spent a great deal of money on these newly-opened pitches, and have earmarked over a hundred thousand pounds this year for their improvement. But the fact remains that at the moment there are serious problems with bricks and stones littering the surface — a fact which many clubs have not been slow to report on as they try out the new venue. The Council say that it is inevitable, because as the land has been reclaimed, debris rises to the surface. But it seems to me inevitable that every team in the League using Scot Lane will end up with eight players injured, like Standish LGLC, if the pitches are not cleared.

On a happier note (and about time too!) the game between Amateur League leaders, Bethel and second-placed Wigan Youth recently was, by all accounts, a cracker. Bethel, unbeaten this season, twice found themselves behind but forced their way back with goals from Wright and Robins. They continued to push forward, looking for a win, but were denied by a brilliant diving save by Wigan Youth keeper Taylor. (P.S. If debris rises to the surface when land is reclaimed, what might rise to the surface at Appley Bridge FC, where they have just had a sewage pipe put under the pitch? The mind boggles!)

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SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLE PAGE

SOCCER NINETY-NINER No. 7 Across: 1. Mick French, 6. Racing, 7. Lato (Poland), 9. Gary Shelton, 11. Eric, 12. Willie, 14. challenged. Down: 1. Mark Grew, 2. Cec, 3. finish, 4. chant, 5. Townsend, 8. retire, 10. Raith, 13. leg. ON THE BALL No. 7: Brian, Spain, Mario, drops. CLUB CLUE No. 7: AZ '67 (Alkmaar). MIXED DOUBLES No. 7: Bowles, Emson. QUICK QUIZ No. 7: 1. They haven't one! 2. Sixty-four, 3. Newcastle (1908/09), 4. Garrincha, 5. 1291 (Camsell scored 326).

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It's there! Eamon O'Keefe scores the third goal against Plymouth.

What the papers say...

The Daily Star CATON'S CLANGER

Tommy slip's up to give Wigan a lift.

Tommy Caton was a picture of misery last night after Wigan had upset the form book in the Milk Cup.

It was the City defender's own goal that put the Third Division side back in the game and set up a thrilling finish.

He said: "It was all very unfortunate, I went up for a cross with Les Bradd and either of us could have connected".

"I think he got a touch to it but the final touch seemed to come off my head. It was a real blow for me".

The goal came with 11 minutes to go. City had gone ahead through Dennis Tueart in the 64th minute from close range.

And he warned: "We can't make any mistakes when we meet them at Maine Road. You can be sure they will be going hell for leather".

Said Bradd: "To say we are out of it would be wrong. We feel we can do it. We are certainly not going to lie down in the second leg".

But surely City won't make as many mistakes the next time round.

It was left to Wigan to provide most of the goalmouth incidents, particularly in a second half in which they grew in superiority.

Archie Gemmill, the veteran Scotsman, ran around like an

18-year-old in a team that made up for the lack of skill with plenty of running.

It all paid off for them with that equaliser 11 minutes from time. A left wing cross from Jimmy Weston hung dangerously in the goal-mouth and Caton headed into his own net. Tueart showed he had lost none of his sharpness by heading Paul Powers centre into the net from five yards out.

The Daily Mirror

CATON CLANGER

Own goal hands revenge hope to Lloyd lions.

City's Young England defender Tommy Caton registered a second rare goal within four days last night.

But this time it was ex-England centre-half Larry Lloyd and his progressive Wigan who did the celebrating.

The Third Division boys looked in irretrievable trouble when Dennis Tueart put City ahead after 63 minutes of this stirring second round Milk Cup first leg.

But all that changed in a moment of sudden City confusion when the usually cool Caton rose hurriedly with ex-Stockport striker Les Bradd and turned in a 79th minute cross from Wigan left-back Jimmy Weston into his own net.

So the ambitious former non-League club who have never really got over their controversial FA Cup exit at Maine Road 11 years ago go back with at least an outside chance of completing their revenge.

For a time with the new firm of Archie Gemmill and Eamon O'Keefe hitting it off so astutely, they might effectively have finished off their First Division superiors.

Ex-Everton star O'Keefe twice tested keeper Alex Williams' ever-increasing competence to the limit and generally gave Caton and Co. an uneasy evening of it.

Gemmill, at Wigan on a month's contract from Jacksonville Teamen, encouraged a mid-field fluency which even his old Scottish rival Asa Hartford at his best found difficult to beat. There was a marked sense of relief about the Maine Roaders when Tueart soared to a long searching cross from skipper Paul Power to head behind Lloyd and Gemmill and into the top corner — churning up a few memories from the 1975 Wembley winner in the League Cup.

It was also evident that Tueart was back to the peak of early last season before an Achilles tendon injury.

Kevin Reeves operated well in City's midfield, David Cross was a force up front and Williams a more than capable deputy for Corrigan.

But Wigan can point to at least three valid chances before Caton made one count for them. As Tueart said afterwards: "They'll be going hell for leather at us in the second leg. We had to work hard in conditions that suited them. We'll have to work just as hard and avoid any complacency".

What you say...

Mr. L. Barker, 242 Gidlow Lane, Wigan.

An excellent game, especially under the conditions. I think it was a fair result on the night, with the professionalism of City being matched by our grit and determination. It was always value for money and Eamon O'Keefe had the best game I've

seen him have, being serviced as he was by Archie Gemmill. Having said that, it would be unfair to single out any individual on the Latics side because they all played so well and we could have snatched it at the end. Let's hope the next leg is as good.

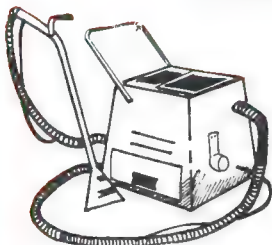
George Mullis, Bolton.

A spirited performance by Wigan and they weren't at all overawed or outclassed by City. City were definitely lucky to go away with a draw and their goal was definitely against the run of play. Latics really bombarded them in the second half. It was worth every penny I paid for my ticket.

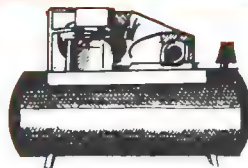
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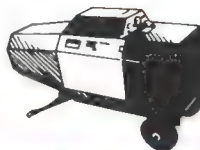


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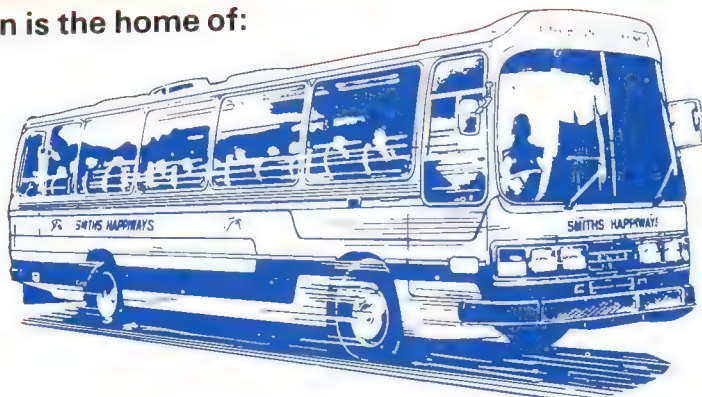
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FOR THE second time since we became members of the Football League we welcome the Directors, players and officials of Southend United to Springfield Park today.

Southend were formed in 1906. In 1920/21 they were founder members of the then Division Three (South). In 1958 they became members of the Third Division on the formation of Division Four. They remained members of Division Three until 1966 when they were relegated to Division Four. In 1980/81 after one season back in Division Three they were relegated to Division Four, but only remained there one season regaining their place once again in Division Three in 1981.

Their ground, known as Roots Hall, is centrally situated and there are regular buses from Southend Central Station to the ground. There is a large parking ground at Roots Hall with accommodation for over 700 cars.

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PERSONALITIES

PAUL CLARK (Defender) Signed Apprentice Professional forms for Southend in 1975 and full time Professional in July 1976 while still only 17. A former England Schoolboy and Youth International, he was transferred to Brighton & Hove Albion in November 1977. He rejoined the 'Blues' in August 1982. Born - South Benfleet. Height 5'11". Weight 13st.3lbs.

DAVE CUSACK (Centre Half) A powerful defender who was signed on the 5 September 1978 from

Sheffield Wednesday 'Owls' from school in October 1971 and a professional in May 1972. Made over 150 appearances for the 'Blues' and has scored over 100 goals. He was voted Player of the Season 1981/82. Rotherham. Height 13st.10lbs.

DANNY GREAVES (Striker) An exciting striker who became a full professional in July 1976. He has emerged as a key player in the Reserve team and opened his tally with a goal in the first team. He has half chance and a good eye for goal. His father, he is an ice-cream van driver.

JOHN KEELEY (Striker) Another product of the club who became a professional in August 1978. He was upgraded to a full-time professional in May 1979. He is a

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(Goalkeeper) the Youth Policy an Apprentice ust 1976 and was time professional appeared in more

than half of the first team matches during Season 1981/82. Although a capable goalkeeper John is also able to perform as a centre forward. He made his first team debut during Season 1979/80. Born - Plaistow. Height 6'. Weight 12st. 10lbs.

ALAN MOODY (Defender) Alan joined Southend United from Middlesbrough in October 1972 and is the Club's longest serving player. A former England Schoolboy International, he had made 399 appearances for the 'Blues' prior to the start of this present campaign. Alan is in his Testimonial Year. Born - Middlesbrough. Height 5'11". Weight 11st.10lbs.

GARRY NELSON (Forward) An effective striker who proved successful at Schoolboy level, having represented Essex Youth and Schoolboy sides. He joined Southend United as a full-time professional in June 1979 straight from school and he made his first team debut against Swindon in October 1979. During the Fourth Division Championship winning campaign Garry emerged as an important member of the first team squad and he carried this further during the 1981/82 Season with 39 appearances in the first team. Born - Braintree. Height 5'10". Weight 11st.

GLENN PENNYFATHER (Defender) At the age of 17 Glenn became one of the youngest players to ever pull on a 'Blues' jersey when he played in an FA Cup First Round Tie against Hereford on the 22 November 1980. He was signed as a full-time professional on the 18 February 1981. He is basically a defender who revels in a sweeper role but has emerged as a midfield player. Although strong in the tackle he shows a flair for attacking. Born - Billericay. Height 5'8". Weight 10st. 8lbs.

STEVE PHILLIPS (Forward) A former England Youth International who commenced his career with

Birmingham City, has played for Torquay United, enjoyed two spells with Northampton Town and a 3½ year spell with Brentford. Apart from being a footballer, he is a keen golfer and is a bit of a hustler at snooker. He signed for the 'Blues' in March 1982. During Season 1977/78 Steve was the winner of the Golden Boot from Adidas. A prolific goal scorer with 130 goals to his credit in 296 appearances at a major level, prior to the start of this current campaign. Born - Tottenham. Height 5'6". Weight 10st.6lbs.

RON POUNTNEY (Forward) Signed from the West Midlands Club, Bilston, in January 1975. He was voted Player of the Year for Seasons 1978/79 and 1979/80. He is a tenacious midfield player who is keen to join the attack and has assumed several different roles when the situation has demanded and mastered them all with tremendous confidence. Born - Bilston. Height 5'6". Weight 9st. 13 lbs.

MICKY STEAD (Defender) Signed from Tottenham Hotspur in September 1978. He joined Spurs as an Apprentice in July 1973 and was upgraded to a full-time professional in November 1974. He made 5 appearances for Swansea City while on loan to them early in 1977. Micky is a tough defender who has also played in midfield and he skipped the side to the Fourth Division Championship in Season 1980/81. Born - West Ham. Height 5'8". Weight 11st.3lbs.

STEPHEN YATES (Defender) A hard tackling, tough and versatile defender signed from Leicester City in November 1977. An all round athlete who needs no encouragement to join the attack, he has played cricket for Essex II and is a very useful slow left arm bowler. Prior to the start of this present campaign, Steve has made 199 appearances for the 'Blues'. Born - Burton-on-Trent. Height 6'. Weight 12st. 4lbs.

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FUN NIGHT

Well! Last Monday's Fun Night certainly lived up to its name. A packed Supporters' Club had a great night playing "Novelty Bingo" and lots of other games, along with guest stars for the night, Kevin Sheldon, Graeme Hatton and Wayne Aspinall.

DISCO PARTY

One or two more details are available on the Piccadilly Radio Christmas Disco Party. The date is Monday, December 6th, with a 7.00 p.m. start. We will probably have two top Piccadilly D.J's and the evening will take the form of a Disco Party. We are thinking of making it an all-ticket affair, because the response is sure to be great. More details later.

MANCHESTER CITY GAME

Les Bold, our travel organiser is arranging to take a coach to Manchester for the away leg of the Milk Cup. The cost is around £2.60. If you would like to join Les and the rest on the coach, you can contact him on Upholland 632758 as early as possible.

COLOUR TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS

Have you got your team photo yet. Everyone who has seen these photographs thinks they're great. They should cost about £3.00 each, but because of our name and reputation for helping to get the best for children, we are able to let Junior Latics Members have them for just 75 pence. I don't know how we do it!

TODAY'S MASCOT

Our Mascot today is Richard Talbot, who is 13 years old and he attend Rose Bridge High. His hobbies are soccer and cycling. Richard's favourite player is Eamon O'Keefe. Have a nice day Richard.

John Fillingham, Chairman.



JUNIOR LATICS



Half Time Gossip

Stand Tickets for the Manchester City game go on open sale on Monday next, price £3.50. There is no limit on numbers and season ticket holders will have theirs reserved until Wednesday, 19th October.

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Latics Youth team are today playing Chadderton in the Second Qualifying Round of the F.A. Youth Cup. If they draw, the replay is here at Springfield Park on Monday night. On Saturday, 23rd October they are at home to Oldham in the first round of the Lancashire F.A. Professional Clubs Youth Cup. Victory in that will take them to Old Trafford for the quarter final tie. Kick-off in the Oldham game is 2.30 p.m.

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The first comment City Chairman Peter Swales made after the final whistle on Tuesday night was to Latics Secretary, Colin Burke — he merely said "How much are you paying Gemmill"!

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One League club is so annoyed at the fact that the press are talking about their small gates, that their Chairman is considering withholding the gate from the press.

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Over two hundred police were on duty at the game on Tuesday night, drawn

from forces all over the Greater Manchester area. They did a fine job, but, not all of them knew Latics Secretary, Colin Burke. Whilst he was trying to get through one gate to the checkers room he was stopped by an inspector from Rochdale. "Where do you think you are going?" said the big bobby. "I'm the Secretary" replied a rain soaked and bedraggled Colin Burke. "Prove it" came the reply. Colin says, "I always carry a card when visiting away clubs, but not at Springfield Park. I was so wet and it was so important that I got through that I nearly lost my temper. But realising that the chap was only doing his job I decided to try another method and pretended to start crying. He let me through!"

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The minimum block of shares that anyone can buy from Mr. Ken Bates is 50. Those who have already bought less will have their deal honoured.

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Graham Barrow may be unlucky to be injured, but he is lucky that his playing career is not over. Injuries to the crucial ligaments (at the rear of the knee) can be so serious that it can mean that running properly is impossible ever again.

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Happy Birthday Andrew Lyon for the 14th October. Love from Mum, Dad, Helen and Patch.

Happy Birthday Andrew Gray. One on the 14th October. Best wishes from Mum and Dad. Hurry up and start walking, so you can support the "Latics"?

Colin Methven You're the greatest! Have a good season and keep the goals coming. All the best your biggest fan — Julie.

Congratulations to Peter Houghton for some great games this season, and for some super goals. Good Luck — MUZ.

Welcome to Wigan. Frank Beryl, Darren & Cliff Murrell, here today from Southend from Latics fanatics Doreen & Keith Blundell.

We are sorry to hear of the death on 4th October of Dr. J.P. Johnson who was the Club's Medical Officer for many years, before and after the war. He and the late Dr. Angior were regular spectators at Springfield Park and were always willing to advise on any injuries to the players. Dr. Johnson had reached the grand old age of 89. Our sympathies are extended to his wife and family.

DON'T FORGET This is a free service for Latics supporters. All messages should be handed in, or 'phoned through to the Club by the Monday morning before Saturday, and the Friday morning before mid-week games. Please make your messages as short as possible.

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Archie Gemmill runs out for his second 45 minutes at Springfield Park.



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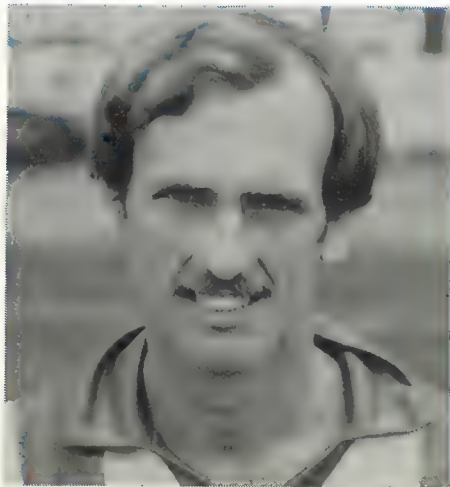
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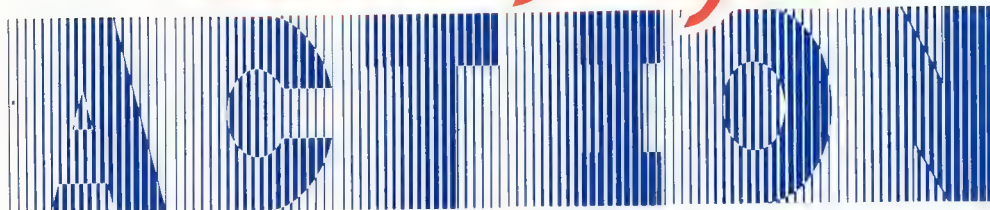
COLIN METHVEN

IT IS ironic that Colin Methven should be our Player in Profile for this game, because one of the most interesting things about this tough Scot is that he has never missed a game at competitive level through injury — but today he misses his second through being sent-off. Colin has now played 289 first team League games since he was drafted into East Fife's first team back in 1975 and, despite numerous knocks, bruises and stitches into his head ("I can't remember how many" he says. "I know I got two through heading Graham Barrow instead of the ball!"), he has always shaken off his injuries and played. Such toughness no doubt comes from his background which saw him go straight from Kirkland High School in Methil down the local pit where he worked at the face as an electrician. "I enjoyed it, I suppose", he recalls, "but the highlight of the week was always Saturday when I could play two games of football". He never had any ambition to be a professional footballer, however, merely to play as much as possible, and it was only when East Fife converted his provisional contract into a proper contract that, at the age of nineteen, he suddenly thought that

perhaps he had a chance of making a career of football. At East Fife, of course, he was part-time and carried on working at the coal-face until a team from another mining area, Wigan convinced him to come South of the border and play full time. Latics paid the highest transfer fee they had ever paid for Colin, paying East Fife £30,000. Nobody would ever dispute that he was worth every penny and he quickly became firm favourite with the fans at Springfield Park who have twice elected him Player of the Year. But perhaps his greatest honour was last season when his fellow professionals voted him into the Fourth Division Select XI for 1981/82. "That was great", he comments, "because the people who vote for you have played against you and know how good you are".

And so, today, as you watch the game, think of Colin who will be forced to sit on the sidelines for only the second time in his professional career. How will he feel? "To use the old cliché, I'll be sick — especially as I don't think what I did at Chesterfield was a sending-off offence". I am sure we all agree and look forward to seeing him back where he belongs.

Central League



LEAGUE TABLES

(As at 2nd October, 1982)

DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Everton	6	3	2	1	10	3	8
Manchester United	5	3	1	1	14	5	7
Aston Villa	4	3	0	1	9	4	6
West Bromwich Albion	4	2	2	0	7	2	6
Sheffield United	4	3	0	1	10	6	6
Newcastle United	3	3	0	0	8	5	6
Blackburn Rovers	5	2	0	3	13	17	4
Liverpool	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
Sheffield Wednesday	3	1	1	1	4	5	3
Stoke City	4	1	1	2	6	13	3
Bury	2	1	0	1	6	6	2
Blackpool	3	1	0	2	5	7	2
Coventry City	4	1	0	3	4	9	2
Huddersfield Town	3	0	1	2	3	7	1
Leeds United	3	0	1	2	1	5	1
Wolverhampton Wanderers	4	0	0	4	1	8	0

DIVISION TWO

Nottingham Forest	5	4	0	1	11	2	8
Bradford City	3	2	1	0	7	2	5
Barnsley	3	2	1	0	4	1	5
Manchester City	4	2	1	1	9	8	5
Notts. County	5	2	1	2	9	9	5
Derby County	3	2	0	1	11	6	4
Sunderland	3	1	2	0	5	4	4
Wigan Athletic	4	1	2	1	3	2	4
Bolton Wanderers	2	1	1	0	5	3	3
Rotherham United	4	1	1	2	5	5	3
Oldham Athletic	3	1	1	1	3	7	3
Preston North End	2	1	0	1	8	7	2
Chesterfield	4	0	2	2	2	6	2
Burnley	3	0	1	2	0	5	1
Port Vale	3	0	0	3	3	10	0
Middlesbrough	3	0	0	3	1	9	0

Supporters Club

SPOTLIGHT

GOOD afternoon everyone. The committee and staff at Wigan Athletic Supporters' Club would like to welcome the players, officials and supporters of Southend United A.F.C. to Springfield Park.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A few changes have been made, committee wise. We would like to welcome Cliff Hurst (Secretary). Joyce Hurst, Alice Hoy, Jimmy Fitzpatrick and Albert Gibson to the committee, who have been elected by the members to join us.

The committee members who have been re-elected are D. Worswick (Treasurer), M.B. Kennedy, B. Leigh, E. Claxton and J. Berry.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB AWAY

Bristol Rovers, 16th October, 1982

Depart Club 9.45 a.m. Adults £6.55, Child £4.35.

Reading, 23rd October, 1982

Depart Club 8.45 a.m. Adults £8.25, Child £5.50.

ENTERTAINMENT IN THE CLUB THIS WEEKEND

Tonight, Saturday, October 9th, 1982. (Artiste assured).

Last weekend we had the relaxing sounds of Peter Ford. A good night was had by all. Don't forget the John Martin Sound on Sunday, 24th October, 1982. Tickets on sale priced 70 pence.

Don't forget bingo nights on Tuesday and Friday.

Enjoy today's game. Call in for a drink after the game.

C. Coffey, Chairman.

FACTS + FIGURES

Home fixtures in capitals.
Wigan scores first

Player scoring bold.
† Player substituted.

²Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.
*In result column indicates opponents own goal.

DATE	FIXTURE	F	A	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1982																
Aug. 28	Lincoln City	A	1-2	3,196	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Aug. 30	Stockport (M.C. 1 leg)	A	1-1	3,418	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Langley	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 4	BRENTFORD	H	3-2	5,012	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd†	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 7	BRADFORD CITY	H	3-2	5,362	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Butler	Houghton	Rogers	Langley
Sept. 11	Cardiff C.	A	2-3	3,850	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton†	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 14	STOCKPORT (M.C. 1 2 leg)	H	6-5	4,008	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Langley	Butler	Bradd	Williams	Rogers	Walsh
Sept. 18	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	1-2	4,866	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Langley	Bradd†	Houghton	Butler	Rogers
Sept. 25	Chesterfield	A	0-2	2,825	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Methven	Langley	Butler†	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Rogers
Sept. 28	Doncaster Rovers	A	6-3	4,457	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Methven	Langley	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Butler
Oct. 2	PLYMOUTH A.	H	3-0	5,011	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Methven	Langley†	Cribley	Bradd†	Houghton	Gemmill	Glenn
Oct. 5	MANCHESTER CITY (M.C. 2nd Leg)	H	1-1*	12,194	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Methven	Glenn	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Langley
Oct. 9	SOUTHEND U.	H														
Oct. 16	Bristol R.	A														
Oct. 19	PORTSMOUTH	H														
Oct. 23	Reading	A														
Oct. 27	Manchester City (M.C. 2 2nd leg)	A														
Oct. 30	NEWPORT C.	H														
Nov. 3	Exeter City	A														
Nov. 6	Orient	A														
Nov. 13	MILLWALL	H														
Nov. 20	(F.A. Cup 1st Round)															
Nov. 27	Gillingham	A														
Dec. 4	SHEFFIELD U.	H														
Dec. 11	(F.A. Cup 2nd Round)															
Dec. 18	OXFORD UNITED	H														
Dec. 27	Wrexham	A														
Dec. 29	WALSALL	H														

* Goal Scorer — Caton (own goal)

THIRD DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE
as at SUNDAY, 3rd OCTOBER, 1982.

	Home					Away					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Lincoln City	8	4	0	0	11	1	2	0	2	3	4 18
Oxford United	8	2	2	0	8	3	3	0	1	5	4 17
Cardiff City	8	3	0	1	8	4	2	1	1	8	7 16
Southend United	8	4	0	0	11	2	1	0	3	4	6 15
Portsmouth	8	3	0	1	10	3	1	2	1	5	6 14
Bristol Rovers	8	3	0	1	9	4	1	2	1	7	7 14
Bradford City	8	3	1	0	9	5	1	1	2	5	8 14
Newport County	8	3	1	0	6	3	1	1	2	4	7 14
Gillingham	8	3	0	1	5	1	1	1	2	5	5 13
Brentford	8	3	1	0	12	4	0	2	2	7	9 12
WIGAN ATHLETIC	8	3	0	1	10	6	1	0	3	9	10 12
AFC Bournemouth	8	2	1	1	5	2	1	0	3	2	6 10
Preston North End	8	2	1	1	9	6	1	0	3	6	11 10
Orient	8	2	1	1	8	4	1	0	3	2	11 10
Plymouth Argyle	8	3	0	1	5	4	0	1	3	5	11 10
Sheffield United	8	3	0	1	7	4	0	1	3	1	9 10
Wrexham	8	2	1	1	3	2	1	0	3	2	9 10
Huddersfield Town	8	2	2	0	11	3	0	1	3	2	8 9
Chesterfield	8	1	1	2	4	4	1	1	2	3	5 8
Millwall	8	2	1	1	6	5	0	1	3	3	7 8
Walsall	8	2	0	2	5	7	0	2	2	3	9 8
Doncaster Rovers	8	2	1	1	16	12	0	0	4	2	9 7
Exeter City	8	1	2	1	10	7	0	1	3	2	11 6
Reading	8	1	2	1	6	6	0	0	4	7	15 5

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Comments from the Chair



GOOD afternoon and welcome to Springfield Park for the third time in eight days. I must give a very big thank you to all the supporters who turned up in atrocious weather on Tuesday night to see our match against Manchester City. It does my heart good to see First Division opposition at Springfield, especially as this match gave fans the chance to see a really top class game. I am sure that you all agree that the hard work and effort which the lads put in made up for all that rain, and was in keeping with the rest of their performances this season. I thought that we were unlucky not to win, but let us hope that we can give a good account of ourselves in the return leg.

In welcoming Southend to Wigan today, I must pay credit to their fine performance in the Third Division last season when they were promotion contenders for much of the time. Their recent results suggest that they are going to be there or thereabouts this season. I am sure we will have our work cut out.

I am sorry to see Colin Methven out of the team today due to a ridiculous decision at Chesterfield. The more I see

this new interpretation of the rules being used, the more I am convinced that it needs looking at very closely indeed.

Despite our good luck in drawing Manchester City, our financial position is still difficult in these austere times. We are making major efforts to revitalise the lottery and have one or two new schemes up our sleeves for the near future, but they all depend on our supporters help. I would ask you all to help by buying our lottery tickets or becoming an agent — believe me, every little bit helps and when it's all added up together, it makes the difference between successful clubs and those which struggle.

But we can worry about that at twenty-to-five. For the time being, let's just look forward to another exciting ninety minutes.

Enjoy the game,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Freddie Pye".

Freddie Pye, Chairman.



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Tuesday, 19th October, 1982
WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- PORTSMOUTH
FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE



**WIGAN
ATHLETIC**
(Royal Blue & White Stripe)

- 1 Roy Tunks
- 2 John McMahon
- 3 Eamon O'Keefe
- 4 Jimmy Weston
- 5 Larry Lloyd
- 6 Colin Methven
- 7 Kevin Langley
- 8 Alex Cribley
- 9 Les Bradd
- 10 Peter Houghton
- 11 Archie Gemmill
- 12 David Glenn

OFFICIALS

Referee:
MR. J.M. KEY
(Rotherham)

Began refereeing in 1970 in local leagues, Progressed from Sheffield County Senior Leagues, then via Yorkshire League to Northern Premier League and Football League List.
A married man, with two sons, he is an Electrical Clerk of Works and is interested in all sports, keeping fit and photography.

Linesmen:
(Red Flag) **Mr. H.D. Hutchinson** (Yellow Flag) **Mr. K.N. Maughan**
(Buckley, Clwyd) (Stockport)

FOR YOUR RECORDS

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F.T. SCORE:
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**SOUTHEND
UNITED**
(All red)

- 1 John Keeley
- 2 Mickey Stead
- 3 Steve Yates
- 4 Paul Clark
- 5 Alan Moody
- 6 Dave Cusack
- 7 Ron Pountney
- 8 Steve Phillips
- 9 Danny Greaves
- 10 Glenn Pennyfather
- 11 Garry Nelson
- 12 To be announced.